Prices of bulk vitamins

1635. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 283 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August, 1989 and state:

(a) when the matter about inclusion under price control of remaining bulk vitamins was referred to BICP;

(b) whether his Ministry has since received the Report from BICP;

(c) if so, when and what are the details of the report;

(d) what was the specific point on which the report was called;

(e) whether it is a fact that none of these bulk vitamins fulfil any exclusion criteria; and

(f) by when the remaining bulk vitamins would be brought under price control?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The opinion of the BICP with regard to the price control of vitamins was not sought for. However, the BICP was asked to conduct the cost study of price controlled Vitamins, 'A' and 'C'.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) and (f) Government have constituted a Standing Committee to look into all aspects concerning DPCO, 1987 including exculsion/inclusion of drugs in Scheduled Categories.

Overcharging on Combiflam

1636. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1989 and state:

(a) what was the price being charged for Combiflam tablets under DPCO, 1979 and DPCO, 1987;

(b) when was the price of Rs. 5.43 implemented by the company;

(c) whether his Ministry has worked out the overcharged amount;

(d) if so, what is the total amount;

(e) what steps were taken to recover the amount due and how much has been recovered; and

(f) when was the legal action against the concerned company for past lapses taken and what is the present position?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) As per available information, the Company's price of Combiflam Tablets was Rs. 12.00 (for 10's) when DPCO, 1979 was in operation. It appears that they subsequently increased it to Rs. 12.26.

(b) Under their letter dated 21-8-1989 M/s. Carews Pharmaceuticals Ltd. informed the Government that they had implemented the price of Rs. 5.43 (exclusive of excise duty) fixed by the Government.

(c) to (e) In order to work out the amount of unintended benefit, the company has been asked to furnish certain details which are awaited from them.

(f) The reply of the State Drug Controller, West Bengal who was advised to take legal action against the company for past lapses, is awaited.

Bulk drug price for Fluclnelone Acetonide

1637. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2474 given in the Rajya